



Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift

In 2008, the Mercer Island community approved a parks levy, which fully funds operations and maintenance of Luther Burbank Park and supports operations and maintenance at all city parks, trails, open spaces, athletic fields, and recreation facilities. The current parks levy is set to expire at the end of 2023. A 16-year renewal of the parks levy is on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot for voter consideration.

A renewed parks levy would continue current funding for parks operations and maintenance while adding funding for playground replacements and Pioneer Park forest management. If approved, the parks levy funding would increase from \$980,122 in 2022 to \$1,629,332 in 2023 and the current parks levy will end one year early to avoid duplication.

What would be funded in the parks levy renewal?



PARKS & PUBLIC SPACES

A renewed parks levy continues current funding for maintenance and operations at all City parks, trails, athletic fields, open spaces, and recreation facilities.



PLAYGROUNDS

If approved, the parks levy funds the replacement of 15 Island playground structures as they age out of operation over the next 16 years.



PLANNING & CARE

A renewed parks levy provides funding for long-term planning and maintenance needs at some of the Island's largest parks and open spaces.

What kind of work would the levy fund?

LUTHER BURBANK PARK

The parks levy fully funds the maintenance, operation, and small capital infrastructure needs at Luther Burbank Park.



PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENTS

Play equipment typically has a useful service life of 15 to 20 years. Of the Island's 18 playground structures, 15 will require replacement over the term of the levy.

If approved, the parks levy would fund replacement of all 15 playground structures and include improvements that create more universally accessible playgrounds for users of all abilities.



PIONEER PARK

The proposed parks levy provides funding for most of the remaining Pioneer Park Forest Management Plan projects.

This includes invasive vegetation management, tree planting and maintenance, ivy removal from trees, and other work identified in the Plan.



How much would it cost property owners?

If renewed, the parks levy would cost an additional \$4 to \$11 per month in property tax for most Island homeowners.

Estimated Home Value	Estimated Monthly Increase from Current Parks Levy	Estimated Monthly Cost for Homeowner	Estimated Yearly Cost for Homeowner
\$1,375,000	\$4.37	\$10.96	\$131.52
\$2,375,000	\$7.55	\$18.94	\$227.28
\$3,375,000	\$10.72	\$26.91	\$332.92

For more information, visit <https://letstalk.mercergov.org/parks-levy-renewal>

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